Dhanbad (Bihar) and that money has been misused;

(b) whether any enquiry to probe into the allegations has been instituted; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, what action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) HUDCO has sanctioned five projects to the Mineral Area Development Authority, Dhanbad with loan commitment of Rs. 278.04 lakhs and Govt. of India subsidy of Rs. 50.44 lakhs details of which are given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix 180, Annexure No. 15]. HUDCO has reported that funds released to the agency have been properly utilised.

(b) and (c) In view of reply to (a) above, questions do not arise.

Checking the increase of Slums in Delhi

713. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of slum colonies in Delhi and whether their number is swelling day by day;

(b) what steps have been taken/are proposed to be taken to check the further coming up of slum colonies in Delhi; and

(c) whether there is any policy to check the increase in the slums and if so, to what extent it has been successful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) The Government of NCT of Delhi has reported that according to a survey conducted in January, 1990 there were 929 Jhuggi Jhonpari Clusters in Delhi comprising 2.60 lakh jhuggies and having a population of about 13 lakhs. Another survey was conducted in March, 1994 which revealed that the estimated number of Jhuggi Clusters was around 1080, comprising 4.80 lakh jhuggies and having a population of more than 20 lakhs.

(b) and (c) Instructions have been issued by the Government to the land owning agencies/local bodies from time to time to protect public land from encroachment at the initial stage itself through effective measures including fencing, putting up walls, launching criminal transpass cases against the encroachers and taking action against the delinquent staff charged with the responsibility of watch and ward. The Lt. Governor of Delhi has also established a Special Task Force in each of the nine districts of Delhi to collect information, initiate action and activate the land owning agencies to protect and recover the encroached public land.

गुजरात में पेय जल की अत्यधिक कमी

714. श्री चिमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या अहमदाबाद, बड़ोदरा, राजकोट, तथा जामनगर के नगर-निगमों के अन्तर्गत आने वाले क्षेत्रों में गर्मी के मौसम के दौरान पेयजल की अत्यधिक कमी हो जाती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान इस समस्या का समाधान करने के लिए क्या-क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं;

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान इन शहरों में जलापूर्ति हेतु कितनी धनराशि आवंटित की गई तथा आवंटित धनराशि में से कितनी धनराशि का उपयोग किया गया है; और

(घ) क्या सरकार इन शहरों में जलापूर्ति हेतु विदेशी सहायता प्रदान करने का विचार रखती है?

शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० यू० वेंकटेश्वरलु): (क) से (ग) जल आपूर्ति एक राज्य का विषय है। संबंधित राज्य सरकारों तथा स्थानीय निकायों द्वारा शहरी क्षेत्रों में पर्याप्त पेय जल आपूर्ति

प्रदान करने की स्कीमें बनायी जाती और कार्यान्वित की जाती है। राज्य सरकार द्वारा उठाये गये कदमों तथा राज्य योजनाओं के तहत धन के उपयोग को संघ सरकार द्वारा मोनिटर नहीं किया जाता। गुजरात सरकार से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार, अहमदाबाद, बड़ोदरा तथा राजकोट में पेय जल की कोई कमी नहीं बतायी गयी है।

(घ) वर्तमान में ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Pre-fabricated technology for Urban infrastructure projects.

715. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that pre-fabricated technology is increasingly becoming relevant for urban infrastructure projects;

(b) whether it is a fact that the process of pre-fabrication, even if such an activity takes place at the project site itself, is being deemed as manufacturing activity and is attracting higher rate of duty;

(c) if so, whether such a classification is detrimental to the growth of urban infrastructure; and

(d) if so, what remedial measures are being contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Introduction of Shelter Tax

716. PROF. RAM KAPSE:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce 'Shelter Tax' as a part of the programme to construct dwelling units for weaker sections:

(b) whether the programme has since been finalised;

(c) if so, the details thereof, and

(d) by when the work of the programme is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (d) The National Housing Seminar held from 7th to 9th Oct., 1996 has, inter-alia, recommended levy of tax on luxury housing, for cross subsidising the housing requirements of the poor. However, no decision has been taken by Govt. in this regard.

Allotment of land to builders at HUDCO Place Andrews Ganj, New Delhi

717. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of builders who were allotted land at HUDCO Place in Andrews Ganj, New Delhi, for construction of shopping-cum-office complex, during the last three years alongwith the terms of allotment;

(b) whether all the allottees have since paid the whole amount due as per the schedule of HUDCO and if not, the names of defaulting allottees; and

(c) whether allotment of such defaulters has been cancelled and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) In Andrews Ganj Project shopping-cum-office complex was to be constructed over the car parking basement constructed by HUDCO. The space earmarked for shopping-cum-office was allotted to M/s Ansal Properties and Industries Ltd. (APIL). As per terms of allotment the